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To whom it may concern:

It is of my opinion, and many other Americans of sound mind that Microsoft has suffered ridiculous penalties as a result of over zealous attorneys and sour competitors. Please name me one other company in this country that exports as much as Microsoft in which keeps our trade deficit from soaring. Without Microsoft in our economy, we would not only have a much more devastating trade deficit, but an economy that would be much worse off than it is today. Also keep in mind that Microsoft has brought technology allot further than any other company has over the years. Microsoft did try to stifle competition, and they should be prevented from doing so in the future, but it is know time to get off their backs and all get back to business. The proposed settlement is overly far to the competition.

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